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| <i>In re</i> Application of: | ) | Confirmation No. 4221                          |
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| BARNETT <i>et al.</i>        | ) | Group Art Unit 1635                            |
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FOR: **POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING ANTIGENIC HIV TYPE C POLYPEPTIDES,  
POLYPEPTIDES, AND USES THEREOF**

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This paper responds to the Final Office Action mailed December 31, 2007 and the Advisory Action mailed April 7, 2008 and accompanies a Request for Continued Examination. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on June 24, 2008. Charge the fee for a two month extension of time and the fee for the RCE to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Claims 1-40, and 43-47 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 48-51 are allowed. Please enter the following amendments.